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For : METHODS OF PREVENTING OR TREATING THROMBOSIS  
WITH TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR ANTAGONISTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR  
A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to address the Examiner's rejections made in the September 13, 2000 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, in which applicants are filing Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") papers herewith. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 12, 2001, making an Appeal Brief due May 12, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief. The fee for a three-month extension is EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00). A check for a total amount of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1600.00) is enclosed, which amount includes the \$890.00 extension fee and the \$710.00 CPA filing fee. An Appeal Brief is now due August 12, 2001. However, since August 12, 2001 is a Sunday, an Appeal Brief is due Monday, August 13, 2001.

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